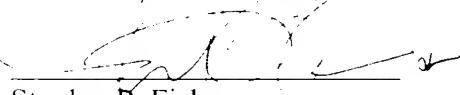


In view of the above amendments and Applicant's comments stated herein, Applicant respectfully requests an early and favorable action on the merits.

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**MARKED UP VERSION OF THE CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

9. A liquid crystal display device according to claim 7 or ~~claim 8~~, wherein the pixel electrodes have a planar shape and the common electrodes have linear regions.